

REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Basom for his careful review of this application. Consideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments to the claims and in view of the following remarks. In the final Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 7, 14, 18, and 19 and objected to Claims 5, 6, 8-13, and 15-17. The Examiner has allowed Claims 20-50. Applicants have canceled Claims 8 and 9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 4, and 10-11 to include a recitation suggested by the Examiner or to correct minor errors in the claims. Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 1-7 and 10-50 remain pending in this application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 7, 14, 18, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,323,885 B1 issued in the name of Wiese (hereinafter the "Wiese reference"). Applicants respectfully offer remarks to traverse these pending rejections.

Amended Independent Claim 1

The rejection of Claim 1 is respectfully traversed. Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the Wiese reference, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to expedite prosecution of this application. Specifically, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of objected to Claim 15. No new matter has been added to amended Claim 1.

As the Examiner suggests on page 9 of the Official Action, the Wiese reference fails to describe, teach, or suggest how graphical indicators are validated. For example, the Wiese reference does not describe, teach, or suggest validating test data by determining if the test data equals a pre-defined operation, or validating value data by determining if the value data is a legitimate field name or legitimate data, or validating image data by determining if the image data is equal to pre-defined image data. Accordingly, one of ordinary skill in the art recognizes that the Wiese reference does not anticipate the recitations as set forth in amended independent

Claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

Dependent Claims 2-3

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified dependent claims are allowable because the amended independent claim from which they depend is patentable over the cited reference. Applicants also respectfully submit that the recitations of these dependent claims are of patentable significance. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the pending rejections and objections to dependent Claims 2-3.

Amended Independent Claim 4

The rejection of Claim 4 is respectfully traversed. Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the Wiese reference, Applicants have amended Claim 4 to expedite prosecution of this application. Specifically, Applicants have amended Claim 4 to incorporate the subject matter of objected to Claim 8. No new matter has been added to amended Claim 4.

As the Examiner suggests on page 9 of the Official Action, the Wiese reference fails to describe, teach, or suggest filling a cache with a display signal that indicates whether to display a graphical indicator and displaying text data or a graphical indicator based on the display signal. Accordingly, one of ordinary skill in the art recognizes that the Wiese reference does not anticipate the recitations as set forth in amended independent Claim 4. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

Dependent Claims 5-19

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified dependent claims are allowable because the amended independent claim from which they depend is patentable over the cited reference. Applicants also respectfully submit that the recitations of these dependent claims are of patentable significance. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the pending rejections and objections to dependent Claims 5-19.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the foregoing as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed on October 22, 2003. Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Basom for his consideration of these remarks. Applicants have amended the claims and have submitted remarks to traverse the rejections or objections to pending Claims 1-7 and 10-19. Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment and Response places Claims 1-7 and 10-50 of the application in condition for allowance. Such action is hereby courteously solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any formalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in the Atlanta metropolitan area at 404.572.2783.

Respectfully submitted,

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